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Title: NETWORK ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR INSERTING AN IDENTIFICATION CODE

**REMARKS**

The following Remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 27, 2006, in which claims 1, 3, 4, 7-9, 11, 12, 14, and 21-26 were rejected.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7-9, 11, 12, 14, and 21-26 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

**Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1, 3-4, 7-8, 21-22, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Seder et al. US Patent No. 6,522,770. Claims 9, 11-12, 14, 23-24, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seder et al. US Patent No. 6,522,770 in view of Van Huben et al. US Patent No. 6,327,594.

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Independent claim 1 is directed to a system for encoding an electronic file and includes an indexing unit which "assigns a classification code to the electronic file based on the characteristic information, assigns an inventory code to the electronic file based on whether the electronic file already exists in the system, and compiles an identification code for the electronic file from the classification code and the inventory code," and includes an editing unit which "inserts the identification code to the electronic file."

Independent claim 9 is directed to a system for coding an electronic file for a library and includes an indexing unit which "assigns a library-specific classification code to the electronic file based on the characteristic information and procedures of the library, assigns a library-specific inventory code to the electronic file based on whether the electronic file already exists in the library, and compiles a library-specific identification code for the electronic file from the library-specific classification code and the library-specific inventory code," and includes an editing unit which "inserts the library-specific identification code to the electronic file."

Independent claim 21 is directed to a computer-implemented method for coding an electronic file and includes "assigning a classification code to the electronic file based on the characteristic information, assigning an inventory code to the electronic file based on whether the electronic file is a copy of an existing electronic file, compiling an identification code for

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the electronic file from the classification code and the inventory code, and inserting the identification code to the electronic file."

Independent 23 is directed to a computer-implemented method for coding an electronic file for a library and includes "assigning a library-specific classification code to the electronic file based on the characteristic information and procedures of the library, assigning a library-specific inventory code to the electronic file based on whether the electronic file is already in the library, compiling a library-specific identification code for the electronic file from the library-specific classification code and the library-specific inventory code, and inserting the library-specific identification code to the electronic file."

With respect to the Seder et al. and Van Huben et al. patents, Applicant submits that neither of these patents, individually or in combination, teach or suggest a system for coding an electronic file as claimed in independent claim 1, a system for coding an electronic file for a library as claimed in independent claim 9, a computer-implemented method for coding an electronic file as claimed in independent claim 21, nor a computer-implemented method for coding an electronic file for a library as claimed in independent claim 23.

For example, the Seder et al. patent is directed to printing documents and other objects with machine readable indicia, such as steganographic digital watermarks or barcodes, wherein the indicia is added to the document at the time of printing, and wherein by showing the printed document to a computer device with a suitable optical input device, an electronic version of the document can be recalled for editing (see Abstract; col. 2, lines 12-19). As such, the Seder et al. patent is directed to coding a printed document. Independent claims 1, 9, 21, and 23 of the present invention, however, are directed to coding an electronic file. The Seder et al. patent, however, does not teach or suggest coding an electronic file. More specifically, the Seder et al. patent does not assign a classification code to an electronic file based on characteristic information associated with the electronic file, does not assign an inventory code to the electronic file based on whether the electronic file already exists in the system, does not compile an identification code for the electronic file from the classification code and the inventory code, and does not insert the identification code to the electronic file. In addition, the Van Huben et al. patent is related to the management of disparate forms of data generated, captured, transmitted, or otherwise manipulated by pervasive computing

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devices (see Abstract) and, as such, does not overcome the shortcomings of the Seder et al. patent.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 9, 21, and 23 are each patentably distinct from the Seder et al. and Van Huben et al. patents and, therefore, are each in a condition for allowance. Furthermore, as dependent claims 3-4 and 7-8 further define patentably distinct claim 1, dependent claims 11-12 and 14 further define patentably distinct claim 9, dependent claim 22 further defines patentably distinct claim 21, and dependent claim 24 further defines patentably distinct claim 23, Applicant submits that these dependent claims are also in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 1, 3-4, 7-8, 21-22, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and claims 9, 11-12, 14, 23-24, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 1, 3, 4, 7-9, 11, 12, 14, and 21-26 be allowed.

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**BEST AVAILABLE COPY****CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 3, 4, 7-9, 11, 12, 14, and 21-26 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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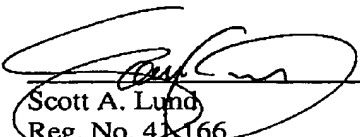
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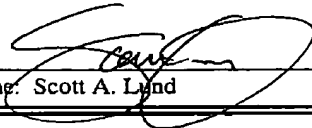
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